

October 23, 2014

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
REPORT NO. 13

ALL MEMBERS PRESENT.
CHAIR MILLS PRESENT AS EX-OFFICIO MEMBER.

1. RESOLVED, the following items are hereby received and filed:
 - a. COMM. 19E-10 (2014)
HARDWICK: "Letter Inviting Amigone Funeral Homes, Inc to Government Affairs Committee Meeting"
(6-0)
 - b. COMM. 19M-5 (2014)
THE KNOER GROUP: "Sheridan Park, Inc and Amigone Funeral Home Response to Committee Meeting Hearing"
(6-0)
 - c. COMM. 19M-6 (2014)
THE KNOER GROUP: "Correspondence Regarding Sheridan Park, Inc Crematory"
(6-0)
 - d. COMM. 20E-20 (2014)
LORIGO: "Supporting Materials Regarding Mount Pleasant Group of Cemeteries, Toronto, Ontario"
(6-0)
 - e. COMM. 20D-3 (2014)
COUNTY ATTORNEY: "Notice of Claims"
(6-0)
 - f. COMM. 20D-4 (2014)
COUNTY ATTORNEY: "Amigone Crematorium"
(6-0)
 - g. COMM. 20M-3 (2014)
NYS DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION: "Amigone-Sheridan Park Crematory"
(6-0)

- h. COMM. 20M-4 (2014)
CLEAN AIR COALITION: "Supporting Materials to Testimony Given at Government Affairs Committee Meeting"
(6-0)
2. COMM. 20E-15 (2014)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE
WHEREAS, the New York State Office of Indigent Legal Services will provide a three year grant totaling \$1,455,129 to the County for the provision of indigent defense services, and

WHEREAS, Erie County will contract with the Erie County Bar Association's Aid to Indigent Prisoners Society and the Legal Aid Bureau of Buffalo to deliver the services required through the grant,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is hereby authorized to enter into contract with the State of New York Office of Indigent Legal Services, in the amount of \$1,455,129 over three years from January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2016 to provide enhanced representation to indigent defendants; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is hereby authorized to enter into three year subcontracts with the Erie County Bar Association Aid to Indigent Prisoners Society and the Legal Aid Bureau of Buffalo to deliver said services from January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2016; and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is provided to establish grant funding in the County Attorney's Office as follows:

Erie County Attorney's Office
ILS Quality Improvement D4 Grant
Grant Fund 281 160QID4ILS1416

January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2016

Revenue	Increase
Account 409000 - State Aid Revenue	\$1,455,129
Appropriation	Increase
Account 516601 - Legal Aid Bureau	\$727,566
Account 516602 - EC Bar Association	<u>727,563</u>
Total Appropriation	\$1,455,129

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Director of Budget and Management is hereby authorized to adjust items of appropriations and revenues which may be impacted by changes to the grantor award, provided there are no changes to authorized personnel levels and county share amounts: and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Office of the County Attorney, the Office of the Comptroller, the County Executive's Office and the Division of Budget and Management.

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3. COMM. 20E-16 (2014)

COUNTY CLERK

WHEREAS, the Erie County Clerk, as Clerk of the Supreme and County Courts, is responsible for the recording, filing, indexing and maintaining of all court pleadings and papers; and

WHEREAS, once the original documents are recorded, the information entered into the Clerk's official records must be verified for complete accuracy; and

WHEREAS, a backlog in verifying the accuracy of the indexing information currently exists and studies have indicated that current staffing levels and award of overtime will not be able to eliminate this backlog; and

WHEREAS, this Honorable Body previously approved the award of a contract to NewVision Systems Corporation (Comm. 2E-18/2014) to allow them to assist with the verification of other documents in the Clerk's Office; and

WHEREAS, the Clerk's Office and CSEA have entered into a Memorandum of Understanding that allows for these additional services to be provided by NewVision.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that upon approval of this resolution the Erie County Clerk is authorized to amend its agreement with NewVision, and be it further

RESOLVED, that funding not to exceed \$100,000 for this amendment is available in the County Clerk's 2014 Budget, BA 11310, Fund 110, GL 516020, Professional Services Contracts and Fees, Funds Reservation 100000778; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Budget Director and Comptroller are hereby authorized to make necessary adjustments to the Clerk's 2014 Budget; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be sent to the County Clerk, the County Executive, the County Attorney, the Director of Budget and Management, and the County Comptroller.
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**KEVIN R. HARDWICK
CHAIR**